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**Excise Officers Arrest 38 at Concerts**

**INDIANAPOLIS (Feb. 16)** – Indiana State Excise Police officers arrested 38 people at concerts in Indianapolis and Evansville, Ind., this weekend.

On Friday night, excise officers arrested 14 people on 16 charges at the Florida Georgia Line concert at the Ford Center in Evansville. Ten minors – including one less than 18 years of age – were preliminarily charged with underage possession or consumption of alcohol.

Two adults were cited for providing alcohol to minors and one person was jailed on preliminarily charges of resisting law enforcement, disorderly conduct and public intoxication.

On Saturday night, excise officers arrested 24 people at a concert at Bankers Life Fieldhouse featuring Florida Georgia Line, Thomas Rhett and Brantley Gilbert. Nineteen minors – including one less than 18 years of age – were preliminarily charged with underage possession or consumption of alcohol. Two of them were also cited for possession of false IDs and one for being in a bar room.

Five people were cited for providing alcohol to minors and one person was issued a warning for carrying alcohol into the Fieldhouse.

Banker's Life Fieldhouse was also cited on a preliminary charge of sale of alcohol to a minor after officers observed a bartender serve alcohol to a 19-year-old man without checking any identification.

As the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission, the primary mission of the Indiana State Excise Police is to promote public safety by enforcing Indiana's Alcoholic Beverage Code. While excise officers have the authority to enforce any state law, they focus primarily on alcohol, tobacco and related laws.

*Criminal Charges: All criminal defendants are to be presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.*

*Administrative Charges: All respondents are to be presumed not liable until, and unless, the plaintiff can prove by preponderance of the evidence the respondent's liability in an administrative hearing.*